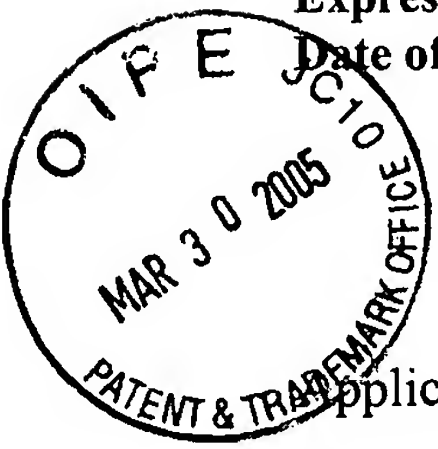


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For : **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE PREPARATION  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Non-Final Office Action dated September 30, 2004 (15 pages);
2. Exhibit Numbers 1-30 Supporting Response to Non-Final Office Action;
3. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time;
4. Check Number 2545 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the extension fee; and
5. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. **24817-503** (Customer Number: **35437**). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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